

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 7**

#### **Summer Announcement # 7, Districts 1, 2, and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedules**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

In response to an unusually late break up, adjustments are being made to the subsistence fishing schedules in Districts 1-3. Additional fishing opportunity is being allowed with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. The department is reminding subsistence fishermen to record their harvest on their subsistence calendars and to call the ADFG Emmonak office at 949-1320 to provide inseason harvest information.

**District 1:** Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will reopen 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 6, and will remain open until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 12 with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

Beginning 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13, District 1 will return to the previously announced schedule and subsistence salmon fishing will be open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Thursdays until 8:00 a.m. Saturdays and from 8:00 p.m. Mondays until 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch mesh or less. Fishermen are reminded that state waters beyond 1 mile offshore of District 1 are included in the Coastal District. As a reminder, in the Coastal District, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

**Districts 2 and 3:** Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open and will remain open until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve

Chinook salmon.

Beginning 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, Districts 2 and 3 will return to the previously announced schedule and subsistence salmon fishing will be open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays and from 8:00 p.m. Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

As a reminder, in the Innoko River, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, all gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The ADFG and USFWS seasonal offices in Emmonak are now open for the 2013 season. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the offices will be closed on Sunday.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 456-0418 or in Emmonak at 949-1798.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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